

EXHIBIT M

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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4 SRI INTERNATIONAL, INC., a
California Corporation,

5
6 Plaintiff,

7 vs. Case No. 04-1199-SLR

8 INTERNET SECURITY SYSTEMS,
INC., a Delaware
corporation, INTERNET
9 SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC., a
Georgia corporation, and
10 SYMANTEC CORPORATION, a
Delaware corporation,

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12 Defendants.

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14 Deposition of
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1 that's mentioned here, "Firewalls and Internet
2 Security." Also, Chapman and Zwicky's book mention
3 that as being part of what makes up a firewall: the
4 ability to log and keep track of -- of data.

5 Q. Would you agree that as of 1998, that some
6 firewalls did not have logging capabilities?

7 MS. BROWN: Objection; vague.

8 THE WITNESS: All firewalls that -- well,
9 some value of "all." All the major firewalls at the
10 time did some logging. It was a requirement of any
11 security system to have logging.

12 In fact, most of the firewalls at the
13 time -- most of the firewalls at the time routinely
14 and somewhat automatically did logging, in that most
15 of them were built on some version of Berkeley UNIX
16 using the syslog utility. It was a standard utility
17 for years before that time period. It was just
18 something that software developers used when
19 developing software on UNIX systems. It was also
20 something that was standard on firewalls. It was a
21 requirement to have logging on a firewall.

22 BY MR. POLLACK:

23 Q. So would it be your opinion that all
24 firewalls that existed in 1998 all had logging
25 capability?

1 MS. BROWN: Objection; vague, calls for
2 speculation.

3 THE WITNESS: Certainly not all, because
4 "all firewalls" include the simplest router. Today
5 the simplest firewalls, on home systems, for
6 example, or on a Windows PC or on a Macintosh, do
7 some kind of logging. All do. I'm sure there -- I
8 shouldn't say I'm sure. I suppose there might have
9 been firewalls that did not do logging. But that
10 was a requirement of -- of -- of firewalls at the
11 time.

12 BY MR. POLLACK:

13 Q. Would you also agree that in -- as of 1998,
14 the logging facilities that were provided varied
15 fairly considerably among the different products
16 offered by vendors?

17 MS. BROWN: Objection; vague.

18 THE WITNESS: I -- I wouldn't be able to --
19 I know logging was a differentiator, and what was
20 logged. But I don't know how -- you said varied
21 considerably. I don't know if I would say that.
22 I -- I couldn't say that.

23 BY MR. POLLACK:

24 Q. You don't recall having said that before?

25 A. I certainly recall having said in

1 particular field at all; just like earlier in the
2 document, I said audit logs are logs. Auditors care
3 about the word "audit." But they're used
4 interchangeably routinely. They were back in the
5 early nineties. They are today.

6 BY MR. POLLACK:

7 Q. So it's your belief, then, that there are
8 lots of different kinds of activity logs, and one of
9 which would be a firewall log, would be an example?

10 A. I would say that firewall logs can be
11 characterized as activity logs.

12 Q. Would you say that other things could be
13 characterized as activity logs?

14 MS. BROWN: Objection; calls for
15 speculation, incomplete hypothetical.

16 THE WITNESS: Well, yeah. On my PowerBook,
17 the PowerBook logs activities, not all of which is
18 related to firewalls. So "activity log" is a more
19 general term, which includes firewall logs, or which
20 may include firewall logs.

21 BY MR. POLLACK:

22 Q. And would the same be true for application
23 logs, that it's a more general term that may include
24 firewall logs but would include other types of
25 applications as well?

1 MS. BROWN: Objection; vague.

2 THE WITNESS: Could.

3 BY MR. POLLACK:

4 Q. I'll refer you to page 22 of your report,
5 paragraph 57.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You state that "firewall configuration
8 requires one to set the firewall to monitor," and
9 then paren 1, "network connection requests for
10 packets that will be allowed to pass through the
11 firewall," quote, "'pass-through traffic.'"

12 Why -- why is it that you believe that the
13 firewall has to monitor network connection requests
14 to decide whether or not to pass through a packet?

15 MS. BROWN: Objection; vague.

16 THE WITNESS: Well, I believe it's true.
17 And in Garfinkel and Spafford, they point that out.
18 In -- I mean, that's one of the basic -- well, let
19 me see. I'm reading your question again.

20 A network connection request is required
21 before a firewall can look at a packet at all. So
22 by definition it has to recognize network connection
23 requests. Firewalls monitor those such things.

24 BY MR. POLLACK:

25 Q. Is it your opinion that firewalls base

1 Q. So is it your opinion that in 1997, 1998,
2 vendors would be recommending that users of their
3 products log everything that the firewall was
4 capable of logging?

5 MS. BROWN: Objection; calls for
6 speculation, lacks foundation.

7 THE WITNESS: No, and in particular they
8 didn't recommend that. But -- but firewalls did log
9 connections. That was less a part of the firewall
10 particular function and more a function of the
11 network kernel in the -- in BSD UNIX and in other
12 versions of -- of UNIX at the time.

13 BY MR. POLLACK:

14 Q. Isn't it true that there were practical
15 limitations in the 1998 time frame as to what one
16 could log without detracting from the performance of
17 the firewall?

18 MS. BROWN: Objection; lacks foundation,
19 calls for speculation.

20 THE WITNESS: There's always going to be --
21 yes. Sure.

22 BY MR. POLLACK:

23 Q. And so it's true that one would have to
24 apply some thought and analysis to the types of
25 information that they believed was appropriate and

1 practical to log in any particular environment,
2 correct?

3 A. Yes. The -- yes, that's correct. Most --
4 the firewalls that used Berkeley UNIX foundations
5 did log network connections, because the Berkeley
6 kernel logged network connections. Firewalls --
7 other firewalls, that are mentioned in the ICISA Labs
8 buyer's guide -- there's a -- there was a list of
9 things that ought to be logged, should be logged,
10 and, by reference, some of the things that firewalls
11 at the time did log, in the paper, the report.

12 MS. BROWN: Do you think we could maybe
13 take a quick break now?

14 MR. POLLACK: Sure.

15 We're going to go off the record and take a
16 ten-minute break.

17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of
18 tape number 1 in the deposition of Frederick M.
19 Avolio. Going off the record, the time is 10:56
20 a.m.

21 (Recess taken.)

22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going back on the
23 record, the time is 11:04 a.m.

24 BY MR. POLLACK:

25 Q. Referring you a little further in your